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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITOR,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH, 1860.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Expenditures from March 1859, to March 1860.

Paid State Tax for 1859,	\$323 40
County Tax for 1859,	721 53
School Tax District, No. 1,	125 63
" " 2,	202 40
" " 3,	84 78
" " 4,	131 41
" " 5,	94 42
" " 6,	69 51
" " 7,	173 40
" " 8,	33 98
" " 9,	109 81
Selectmen's bills 1858,	185 65
Stone work for bridge,	4,716 37
John C. Briggs, in part for bridge,	2,600 00
Levi Colby, for boarding J. Ordway's children,	30 00
B. A. Phillips, for medical attendance to Geo. Hobbs,	3 75
William B. Shute, fare paid for Clarissa Hobbs to Canada,	15 65
Parker Carr, for taking care Killicut girl,	3 50
" " " cleaning town house March, 11, 1859,	3 00
Thompson & Mitchell, for abatement taxes 1858,	5 00
Sophia W. Chandler, for int., on notes,	120 00
Jeremiah H. Wilkins, int., on note,	60 00
Clara Palmer, for int., on note,	24 00
John Johnson, salary one year as agent poor farm,	185 00
William F. Head, for one cow,	40 00
Peter Heart, for work for Elsworth family,	2 00
Horace Gage, for recording births and deaths to March 31, 1859,	1 55
John Young, for one yoke oxen,	115 00

W. Lakin, for goods,	10 00
A. B. Farmer, for getting iron out of old bridge,	75
Joseph Watson, for enrolling militia 1857,	2 75
N. H. Savings Bank, int., on note,	42 26
George Piper, for warming and lighting town house for County Commissioners,	1 50
Jesse Gault, for preparing and procuring town reports 1858,	5 00
Jesse Gault, services Supt., School Committee 1858,	43 00
Jesse Gault, for services as committee to obtain help from county,	8 00
E. M. Wilson, for one cow and calf,	35 00
Sumner Ordway, liquor committee,	32 25
Moses Quimby, digging grave for Killicut girl,	1 00
" " for getting iron out of old bridge,	7 13
A. B. Farmer, for making ballot box and setting glass in town house,	2 12
Nath'l. Mitchell, school house tax Dis. No. 7,	50 00
Ira Rowe, int., on note,	15 90
Union Bank, for interest,	5 50
Simon Pierce, for labor on highway,	1 50
H. Saltmarsh, for money paid for books, labor on highway and Dr. Crosby,	41 08
H. Saltmarsh, for money paid out, expenses of Floyd Burnham,	18 54
Union Bank, note,	500 00
Mary Carr, for taking care of Killicut girl,	16 50
John Young, for one cow,	16 00
Frank Watson, for building 174 rods of road,	164 00
Jos. B. Sawyer, for surveying the Spencer road,	3 00
H. Saltmarsh, for provisions for James Kenniston,	31 33
D. & D. B. Wilson, for keeping watering place,	3 00
Frank Watson, for provisions for James Kenniston,	8 52
J. Webster heirs of, abatement taxes 1859,	7 30
Jacob Sawyer, " " 1859,	1 82
J. T. Prescott, for work on highway,	1 00
Simeon Batchelder, for breaking out roads 1860,	7 19
Dana Rowe, " " 1859,	6 50
Nehemiah Hardy, for labor on highway,	5 25
Henry Saltmarsh, for goods furnished James	

Kenniston,	8 00
J. B. McCrillis, abatement of taxes 1859,	6 56
Savory T. Burbank, for labor on highway,	90 65
Joseph T. Goss, services as town Treasurer 1858,	5 00
" " for wood,	3 07
Hiram B. Otterson, taking care hearse,	5 00
Town of Deering, supporting Wm. Wells,	14 99
Fred. Abbott, for getting iron out of old bridge,	7 62
A. H. Bellows, for written advice on bridge case,	20 00
Saml. Head, for books, stationery, &c.,	4 43
" " bridge plank,	1 41
" " paid poor person,	50
" " Mrs. George and family, fare to Fitch-	
" " burg,	2 00
" " Union Bank, int., on note,	5 25
" " Plank for bridge,	4 30
" " Surveyor on line Hooksett and	
" " Goffstown,	1 00
" " Poor person,	75
" " Mr. Southwick, for land damage,	3 00
" " School commissioner for Teachers'	
" " Institute,	18 42
" " Flint & Bryant, on account,	30 00
" " A. Farmer, for sawing wood,	50
Seth K. Jones, insurance on town buildings,	2 66
Alden George, for boarding R. Morris,	5 96
E. H. Caswell, services S. S. Committee 1859,	35 00
I. C. Otterson, non resident highway taxes paid	
in labor,	116 57
I. C. Otterson, for collecting taxes 1859,	90 78
John L. Garland, on highways,	20 00
McFarland & Jenks, for printing town reports	
1858,	24 00
Joseph T. Goss, balance accounts poor farm,	72 28
N. F. Head, for fare for poor persons,	4 42
Nathl. & Wm. F. Head, balance account poor	
farm,	6 42
T. J. Otterson, goods for Mrs. Hobbs,	6 07
Samuel Head, money paid witnesses on bridge	
case,	51 22

Abatement of Taxes for the year 1856.

A. D. Griggs,	\$1 24
John Leach,	1 24
Otis Philbrick,	1 24
Peter Welcom,	1 24

Abatement of Taxes for the year 1857.

Marcus Ayer,	1 44
William Hill,	3 12
Jenon James,	1 44
Summer Kimball,	1 44
Wm. B. Leavitt,	1 44
Ansel Langley,	1 44
Joseph McLane,	1 66
Alonzo D. Wyman,	1 65

Abatement of Taxes for the year 1858.

Caleb M. Batchelder,	\$1 50
John Currier,	1 50
Samuel Cheney,	1 57.
Zebulon B. Cutting,	1 50
Benjamin Ellsworth,	2 08
Benjamin French,	2 08
James Herron,	1 60
George Hobbs,	1 50
Handerfon Michael,	1 50
Wm. Kenniston,	1 50
James H. Lakin,	1 50
John La Touch,	1 60
James McDuffee,	1 50
Charles Combs,	1 50
Clement Macker,	1 50
Joseph McLane,	1 50
Daniel Moses,	1 50
George C. Prescott,	2 08
Samuel S. Parker,	1 50
Perry,	2 08

James Stevens,	1 57
B. F. Shepard,	1 50
J. A. Shaughessey,	1 50
Thomas Tromby,	1 50
Joseph Valvine,	1 50
James Stinson, (over 70 years of age,)	1 50

Abatement of Taxes for the year 1859.

James Stinson, (over 70 years of age,)	1 92
Ann M. Emery, over taxed,	1 22
John Campbell,	3 65
G. H. Clay,	1 92
Moses B. Dow,	2 16
Dennis Girney, not in town April 1st,	1 92
John G. Howe, " " " " "	1 92
Thomas Hilliard,	2 06
Lyford Hunt,	2 24
George Howe,	1 92
Stephen McDuffee, not in town April 1st,	1 92
John O. Herron, " " " " "	1 92
Michael O. Herron,	1 92
Edwin A. Russell,	2 06
James Stevens,	1 92
G. W. Wyman,	1 92
Dr. Horace Gage, medical services 1859,	75 00
John W. Prescott, services as town clerk, notifying jurors, stationery, services as committee, &c.,	28 32
E. E. Goodale, for goods delivered to James Ordway,	6 00
E. E. Goodale, balance poor farm account,	9 09
Mechanics Bank,	1000 00
In hands I. C. Otterson, collector 1859,	10 00
In hands J. T. Goss, treasurer 1859,	609 59

\$13,164 51

Receipts of Treasurer.

Amount in treasury 1858,	\$474 54
Balance due from Montreal R. R.,	12 35

A. H. Converse, tax lists for 1857-1858.	\$276 04
John W. Prescott, list for 1855,	15 00
I. C. Otterson, list for 1859,	4,539 15
Literary Fund, 1859,	101 36
Selectmen of Hooksett,	4,500 00
Merrimack County for support of paupers,	342 46
Merrimack County by town committee,	3,000 00
Henry Saltmarsh, for liquors,	20 00
Hiram B. Otterson, for liquors,	86 32
R. Road tax for 1849,	174 14
Mitchell & Abbott, lumber and iron of old bridge,	87 73
Fred Abbott, " " " " "	8 00
E. L. Childs, " " " " "	78 51
John H. Mitchell, " " " " "	15 00
Jesse Gault, for shanty, tools, &c.,	38 54
Isaac Lewis, tax list 1856,	4 96

\$13,164 51

I have examined the accounts of Joseph T. Goss, Treasurer of the town of Hooksett, and find the same well vouched and the foregoing is a true statement thereof.

JESSE GAULT, *Auditor.*

HOOKSETT, March, 1, 1860.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Due the town.

Due, balance Eri Poor's tax list, 1852,	\$28 88
Nathaniel Mitchell's tax list, 1854,	13 55
John W. Prescott's " " 1855,	25 00
Isaac Lewis's " " 1856,	59 03
A. H. Converse's " " 1857,	64 20
A. H. Converse's " " 1858,	447 50
Isaac C. Otterson's " " 1859,	10 00
Pierce Porter, note,	48 23
Due from Allenstown,	200 00
city of Concord for support of Kenniston and wife,	26 00
Merrimack county, support of J. Stevens,	14 00
" " " " Nancy Lewis,	15 00
Due, in hands of agent of poor farm, John Riley,	3 88
in hands of Joseph T. Goss, treasurer,	609 59
	\$1,564 86

Liabilities of the town.

Due Solomon Whitehouse,	\$300 00
Henry Colby,	400 00
John Prescott,	125 00
Ira Rowe,	268 78
J. Wilkins,	1000 00
Sophia W. Chandler,	3000 00
John P. Osgood,	2000 00
Fanny Brown,	1500 00
Clara Palmer,	400 00
N. H. Savings Bank,	700 00
John Johnson,	459 75
Selectmen's bills, 1859,	175 09
John C. Briggs, for bridge when completed,	2600 00

Due John Riley, salary as agent poor farm, 1859,	200 00
On other bills, estimated at,	100 00
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Amount due the town,	\$13,228 62
	1,564 86
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Balance against the town,	\$11,663 76

A Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Poor Farm for the year ending March, 1860.

RECEIPTS.

Joseph T. Goss, for produce,	\$62 96
E. E. Goodale, for produce,	13 69
E. Wilson, for one calf,	5 00
N. T. Corliss, five hundred and thirty-five lbs. of hay,	3 74
E. Wilson, for one calf skin,	1 00
E. Wilson, eleven fowls,	4 17
I. C. Otterson, one calf,	1 00
J. Gault, twenty pounds veal,	1 60
J. Green, ten cwt. of hay,	7 50
Peddler, keeping,	75
E. Wilson, one calf,	6 00
S. Sargent, eight hundred and fifteen lbs. of hay,	5 60
J. Kidder, eight lbs. butter,	1 65
J. Riley, two bushels of oats,	1 20
Peddler, keeping,	75
Samuel Head, ox work,	3 00
Samuel Head, seven hundred lbs. straw,	2 00
Peddler, keeping,	75
W. Horn, one and one-half bushel potatoes,	60
J. Gault, labor,	1 25
J. Young, one peck of potatoes,	10
W. Horn, one-half bushel potatoes,	20
Peddler, keeping,	33
Mr. Stevens, one-half bushel beans,	2 00
P. Rowell, labor,	2 25
J. Gault, labor,	2 50
Stranger, one bushel of oats,	50

Samuel Head, labor,	3 50
William Stearns, eleven bushels of oats,	5 50
Stranger, eight and one-half lbs. butter,	1 86
Samuel Head, labor,	7 00
John H. Mitchell, two bushels of beans,	3 00
Samuel Head, ten bushels of oats,	5 00
I. C. Otterson, five pounds of beef,	53
W. Head, ten bushels of oats,	5 00
Wilson, seventy-two lbs. hide,	4 32
Stranger, board,	2 00
J. Gault, labor,	3 50
Stranger, one bushel of oats,	50
J. H. Mitchell, straw,	75
Sylvester Chandler, for labor,	75
Treasury,	87 79
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	\$263 09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Joseph T. Goss, for sundry goods,	\$135 26
E. E. Goodale, for sundry goods,	22 78
Stearns, for one barrel of flour,	6 75
J. Kidder, ten pounds of potash,	90
J. Kidder, one strainer,	62
Peddler, fish,	24
Peddler, three yards brown drilling,	53
A. Wheeler, for joiner work,	1 50
Peddler, for one tub and tin ware,	1 87
Peddler, for fish,	52
M. L. Otterson, for two pigs,	4 00
Joseph T. Goss, one pig,	2 00
J. Kidder, for crockery ware and groceries,	2 35
Peddler, tin ware,	1 00
Peddler, for biscuit,	17
J. Young, for use of bull,	1 50
Peddler, for one scythe,	85
Butcher, for eight lbs. veal,	44
Peddler, for one salt mortar,	25
B. Smith, for shoeing oxen,	87
I. C. Otterson, twenty-one one-half lbs. veal,	1 40
Peddler, tin ware and matches,	37

Paid Stranger, for butter,	70
Peddler ten yards shirting,	40
I. C. Otterson, thirty lbs. pork,	3 85
B. Smith, for shoeing oxen,	80
Butcher, for fourteen lbs. of beef,	1 00
Butcher, for twenty lbs. beef,	1 40
J. Gault, for twenty-three lbs. pork,	2 87
Butcher, for five pounds beef,	35
Butcher, for eighteen lbs. of beef,	1 17
Stearns, for sixty pounds of pork,	7 33
Threshers, and for machine,	4 46
Butcher, for eighteen pounds of beef,	1 08
D. Wheeler, for lime and mortar,	33
Butcher, eight and one-half lbs. beef,	42
Trader, for one cap,	1 00
Trader, for one coat,	2 50
J. B. Paine, for putting in pump,	10 00
B. Smith, for shoeing oxen,	1 80
Henry E. Robie, for sharpening plow,	25
P. Rowell, for chestnut lumber,	1 50
Peddler, for earthen ware,	50
John H. Mitchell, for shoemaking,	6 18
William F. Head, for sixteen loads chips,	5 00
Trader, 1 coat, for N. Lawrence county charge,	3 50
“ “ “ “ Jas. Stevens, “ “	3 00
“ “ vest “ “ “ “	92
“ “ book for Wm. Ordway, “ “	13

\$248 61

Invoice of Property on Poor Farm.

1 yoke of oxen,	\$130 00
4 cows,	120 00
12 tons of hay,	180 00
Corn fodder and straw,	10 00
19 fowls,	6 30
23 bushels of oats,	11 50
6 bushels of rye,	6 00
7 bushels of beans,	14 00
25 bushels of corn,	25 00
2 pigs,	30 00
6 bushels of turnips,	2 00

65 bushels of potatoes,	26 00
Two-thirds of a barrel of pork,	12 00
1 1-2 bushel of beets,	75
150 lbs. beef,	12 00
93 lbs. ham,	11 62
40 lbs. lard,	5 00
24 lbs. of tallow,	2 40
10 lbs. candles,	1 25
50 lbs. butter,	10 00
11 lbs. dried apples,	1 32
184 lbs. cheese,	18 40
2-3 of a barrel of soap,	3 00
12 lbs. sausage,	1 50
Farming utensils,	106 25
Household furniture,	49 03
Crockery ware,	19 00
Beds and bedding,	80 00
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	\$894 32

Expenditures for support of Paupers on Poor Farm.

Agent's salary for 1859,	\$200 00
Interest on cost of farm and stock,	150 00
Invoice of stock and produce, 1858,	711 62
Amount received from treasury,	87 79
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	\$1,149 41
Deduct invoice of stock on hand,	\$894 32
Amount received of and due from the county, for support of paupers at poor farm,	137 13
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	\$1,031 45
Making expenses of paupers at the poor farm	<hr/>
	\$117 96

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of receipts of treasurer, 1859,	\$13,164 51
“ due the town,	1,564 86
“ liabilities of the town,	13,228 62
“ amount of receipts of poor farm,	263 09
“ of expenditures of poor farm,	248 61

Individuals supported on Poor Farm.

James Otterson,	52 weeks.
Mehitable Otterson,	52 “
Moses Underhill,	52 “
Philip Welch,	52 “
Nancy Sanborn,	52 “
Susan Abbott,	52 “
William Ordway,	48 “
Daniel Davis,	33 “
Dustin Rowell,	39 “
James Stevens,	8 “
Noah Lawrence,	52 “
Transient persons,	7 “

 499 weeks.

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Town of Hooksett to SAMUEL HEAD, - - - - DR.
1859.

March	18.	1 day and expense to Concord settling pauper accounts,	\$2 00
"	23.	1 day on town business,	1 25
"	24.	1-2 day hiring agent to poor farm,	75
April	2.	1 day and expense to Concord on town business,	2 00
"	8.	4 days taking inventory and expense,	6 00
"	16.	3 days regulating invoice,	3 75
"	28.	3 days making taxes,	3 75
"	30.	2 days making surveyors' warrants,	2 50
May	3.	2 days recording taxes,	2 50
"	4.	1 day writing and posting warrants for meeting,	1 25
"	14.	1-2 day to Spencer's,	75
"	26.	2 days dividing school money,	2 50
June	7.	1 day and expense to Manchester on bridge case,	2 00
"	22.	1 day to Concord on town business,	2 00
July	2.	1 day on town business,	1 25
"	7.	1 day to Epsom and expense, to notify friends of F. W. Burnham,	2 00
"	8.	1 day to funeral and expense,	1 50
"	12.	1 day to funeral of Killicut girl,	1 25
"	30.	1 day to Concord on town business,	2 00
August	9.	1 day to Concord on bridge suit,	2 00
"	15.	1 day to Manchester to G. W. Morrison on bridge case,	2 00
"	16.	1 1-2 days to court, and expense, bridge case,	3 00
Sept.	1.	1 day to Concord to get money from bank,	2 00
"	24.	1-2 day and team to Spencer's,	1 25

Oct.	4.	1 day and expense to get money from bank,	2 00
"	10.	1-2 day attending jury meeting,	50
"	13.	1 day laying out road,	1 25
"	20.	3 days and expense at court,	6 00
"	22.	1-2 day with team to Spencer's on road,	1 25
Nov.	2.	1 day on new road,	1 25
"	10.	1 day and expense running line between Hooksett and Goffstown,	2 00
"	15.	1 day and team to Kenniston's,	1 50
Dec.	21.	1-2 day with team to J. Ordway's about road,	1 00
Jan.	10, 1860.	1 day to Concord on town business,	2 00
"	11.	1-2 day writing and posting warrants,	62
"	14.	1 day and expense to Concord on pauper business,	2 00
"	31.	1 day to Rowe's corner to get Kenniston's affidavit,	1 50
Feb.	7.	1 day to Concord to settle pauper bills,	2 00
"	10.	1 day to Concord settling accounts,	2 00
"	13.	1 day to Keniston's to get affidavit,	1 75
"	16.	1 day to Concord settling pauper bills,	2 00
"	23.	1 day appraising property at poor farm,	1 00
"	25.	1 day settling accounts,	1 25
		1 day writing warrants and check-lists,	1 00
March	10.	1-2 day regulating check-list,	62
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			\$85 74

Town of Hooksett to WILLIAM F. HEAD, - - - DR.

1859.

Mar.	18.	1 day on town business,	\$1 00
"	21.	1 day at Manchester on bridge business,	2 00
"	22.	1 day on town business,	1 00
"	23.	1 day hiring agent for poor farm,	1 00
"	30.	1-2 day on Lakin case,	50
April	1.	5 days and expenses taking invoice,	8 00
"	12.	2 days regulating invoice,	2 00
"	15.	1-2 day on town business,	50

"	28.	1-2 day making surveyors' warrants,	50
"	29.	1 day distributing warrants,	1 50
"	30.	1 day to Dunbarton after pauper,	2 00
May	14.	1 day on town business,	1 00
"	27.	1-2 day on town business,	50
June	9.	1 day on town business,	1 00
July	12.	1-2 day to the south part of the town,	75
"	23.	1-2 day on town business,	50
Aug.	6.	1-2 day attending jury meeting,	50
"	12.	1-2 day on town business,	50
"	15.	1 day to Manchester on pauper business,	2 00
"	16.	1 day to Concord on bridge business,	2 00
"	19.	1 day on pauper business,	1 00
Sept.	24.	1 day on Spencer's road,	1 00
Oct.	11.	1-2 day attending jury meeting,	50
"	13.	1 day surveying Spencer's road,	2 00
Nov.	2.	1 day on road business at south part of town,	1 50
Dec.	10.	1 day on Spencer's road,	2 00
"	12.	1 day on town business,	1 00
"	21.	1-2 day on Ordway's road,	50
Jan.	6.	1-2 day on town business,	50
Feb.	6.	1-2 day on town business,	50
"	8.	1 day to Concord on pauper business,	1 60
"	10.	1-2 day on town business,	50
"	20.	1-2 day to Concord on business,	1 50
"	23.	1-2 day appraising property at poor farm,	55
"	25.	1 day settling accounts and posting warrants,	1 00
Mar.	10.	1-2 day correcting check-list,	50
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			\$44 85.

Town of Hooksett to HENRY SALTMARSH . . . DR.
1859.

Mar.	23.	1 day and expense on town business,	1 50
April	1.	5 days and expense in taking invoice,	7 50
"	15.	3 days and expense regulating invoice,	4 50
"	21.	3 days and expense making tax,	4 00

May	2.	1 day and expense on town business,	1 50
"	3.	1-2 day distributing warrants,	50
"	14.	1-2 day on new road from Shirley's to Manchester line,	50
July	7.	1-2 day at Hooksett on account of F. Burnham,	50
"	8.	1-2 day attending burial of F. Burnham,	50
Aug.	5.	1-2 day on town business,	50
"	22.	1-2 day on town business,	50
Oct.	7.	Attending to James Kenniston,	3 00
"	13.	1 day laying out highway,	1 00
"	17.	1 day on town business,	1 00
"	23.	1-2 day on town business,	50
Nov.	2.	1 day on new road,	1 00
"	22.	1-2 day on town business,	50
Dec.	10.	1-2 day on new road,	50
"	13.	1 day to New Market to find the resi- dence of James Kenniston, and expenses,	3 00
"	17.	1 day and expense on town business,	1 50
Jan. 6, 1860.		1 day moving James Stevens to poor farm, and expense,	1 50
"	11.	1 day to call a special town meeting,	1 50
"	31.	1-2 day on town business,	50
Feb.	3.	1-2 day on town business,	50
"	8.	1 day on flowage case, and expense,	1 50
"	13.	1-2 day on town business,	50
"	23.	1 day appraising property at poor farm,	1 50
"	25.	1 day settling with town and posting warrant,	1 50
Mar.	10.	1 day regulating check-list,	1 00
			<hr/> \$44 50

SAMUEL HEAD,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WILLIAM F. HEAD,	
HENRY SALTMARSH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Hooksett.</i>

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF HOOKSETT.

To the Friends of Education in the Town of Hooksett :

Your committee entrusted with the care of the public schools in town for the year past, respectfully submits the following report :

It has been my fixed purpose to discharge the duties devolved upon me with the utmost fidelity and impartiality. I have sought neither to please nor to displease individuals, as such, but to promote the highest good of all concerned. And, if in anything I may have given offence, (and who shall expect to avoid this?) I hope it will not be attributed to an intention, on my part, but rather to the fact that the highest good of the many is to be preferred before the private wishes of individuals.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

This is one of the most quiet and orderly schools in town. In no school have I found more interest apparent, or better attention to books, or more respect for the teacher, than in this. This may be attributed in a great measure, I apprehend, to the fact that there have been but few changes in its teachers for a few years past. And in the opinion of your committee, the good of all our schools would be greatly promoted if good teachers were obtained and kept for several terms in succession. Teacher, both summer and winter terms, (with the exception of three weeks at the beginning of the winter term,) Miss Sarah F. Otterson. Summer school, 14 weeks; winter school, 16 weeks. Number of scholars in summer, 21; in winter, 20. Whole number in the district, 28. The winter term was begun by Mr. George W. Blanchard, of Pembroke, who, for reasons, in part, perhaps, beyond his control, was not as successful as was hoped; and after three weeks, it was thought, in the judgment of your committee that his services were not what the highest good of the district demanded. And *this*, (whatever may be *thought or said* to the contrary,) was *the reason of the change*. Miss Otterson was then employed to teach the remainder of the term; which she has done, as heretofore, with good success, and making, I think, forty months which she has taught this school.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer school was taught by Miss Mary E. Woods, of Pembroke. Very good order was observed here, and good progress made in reading, spelling and other branches; but there was a lack of thoroughness in arithmetic. Here I would say, that a larger number of the pupils in this school ought to be attending to geography, grammar and arithmetic. I found not much disposition on the part of the scholars to attend to these branches. The winter school was taught by Mr. Isaac Hyatt, of New Hampton. At the opening of this term an unhappy state of feeling existed in the district, growing out

of a question respecting a fall term, which threatened a stormy and unprofitable winter term. And soon after the commencement of the school, a spirit of insubordination was manifested by some of the larger boys, which made it necessary to dismiss two of them; after which the school went on very successfully. Mr. H., though lacking somewhat in energy, proved himself to be a thorough teacher and master of his business. And in the examination, the pupils gave evidence of having been taught to *know what they know*. Length of summer term, 10 weeks; winter term, 16 weeks. Number of scholars in summer, 56; in winter, 54. Whole number in the district, 78.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The deficiency in text books spoken of by my predecessor, as existing in this district a year ago, has been in a good degree removed; and the school has been well managed throughout the year. Order, both terms, good, and progress rapid. Teacher, in summer, Miss Helen P. Colby. Time, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 39. Teacher, in winter, Mr. Charles R. Rowe, of Candia. This was his second term in this school. But few teachers secure so completely the affections of their pupils, and carry them along so easily. Term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 43. Whole number in district, 51. It is exceedingly to be regretted that this large school can have no more than 18 weeks session for the year.

DISTRICT No. 4.

For the summer term this school was under the care of Miss Susan H. Ladd, of Deerfield, who, though respectable as a scholar, yet having had no experience in the government of a school, failed to secure the good will of her pupils; and of course, did not succeed in advancing them far in their studies. A person of more experience, and more mature judgment was evidently needed in this school. It was a somewhat difficult school to manage; and that for more reasons than one. It had not been under very good subjection for several terms; then, it is far behind what it ought to be in attainments; but very few, out of more than fifty, ever having attended much to grammar, geography and arithmetic, and if scholars are not learning something useful, they will be studying up mischief. And in the next place, it is always easier to manage a school *with the co-operation of the parents, than in face of their opposition, or even of their indifference*. In this district, as well as in some others, there are parents who seldom or never visit a school to see it for themselves; but are ever ready to "guess that it is not doing much."

The winter school was taught by Mr. A. C. Wright, of Hollis; a young man thoroughly qualified for his business, and who had had considerable experience, and bore a good reputation as a successful teacher. And he acquitted himself well here. Strict in discipline, (yet none too much so,) he aimed at laying a good foundation for a thorough knowledge of the sciences. But his term was too short for him to accomplish much. Could this school be under such instruction for a few terms, a great change for the better would doubtless be produced. Winter term, nine weeks. Number of scholars in attendance, 40; summer term, 16 weeks; number of scholars, 43. Whole number of scholars

in district, 51. It is a curious fact that in this district there is the same number of scholars as in No. 3, each having 51; also, that in each there are 26 boys and 25 girls; and their average attendance for the year was 31 in each. There is great need, in this district, of a new school-house, furnished with apparatus, such as black-boards, outline maps, etc., *and a disposition on the part of the parents of some, to sustain a good teacher.*

DISTRICT No. 5.

This is a small school, numbering in the summer only 19. (I know not how many in the winter, for I have not received the Register, neither have I been able to find it.) It was in the summer taught by Miss Emily B. Noyes, of Bow, under whose instruction the school made commendable progress. Summer term, 9 weeks. The winter school was taught by Mr. Woodbury P. Davis, of East Concord. Mr. D. has some eccentricities; yet he was successful as a teacher. His pupils evidently were never taught to think for themselves. Length of term, 9 weeks. There is in this district more interest in the school manifested by parents, than in some others; yet there is here room for improvement in this respect.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The summer school of this district was taught by Miss Helen J. Stone, of Massachusetts, a young lady who seems to have been "cut out" for a teacher, and who will doubtless rank high in this capacity, if she shall pursue the vocation. But this school was too small, and the school-house too gloomy, especially in a cloudy day, too keep a *young* teacher from being home-sick. Miss Stone's natural and acquired abilities for teaching are good. she has an "aptness to teach" far above that of most young teachers. And what some seemed to mistake for a "want of judgment," is, in my humble opinion, a positive excellency. She did not hear her pupils read for the sake of seeing *how quickly* they could *read through their book and get another*, (as is too often the case,) but selected a few passages, and insisted on those being read aright. And this, it seems to me, is the true way to teach. Number of scholars in attendance, 11; average number, 9 13-66; time, 6 weeks. Teacher during the winter term, Mr. Henry B. Gould, by whose diligence and perseverance the school made fair progress. Mr. G. is a young man worthy of confidence, and he commanded the respect of his pupils. Number of weeks, 8 1-2; number of scholars, 20; average, 18 1-4; whole number in the district, 23. Only 14 1-2 weeks schooling have been enjoyed by this school for the year; but the average attendance shows that nearly all have availed themselves of that time. A new and more convenient house is much needed in this district.

DISTRICT No. 7.

The summer term was taught by Miss Ellen S. Abbott, of Concord, and consisted of 15 weeks. Number of scholars in attendance, 33. This school, though in general, profitable, suffered from a lack of firmness on the part of the teacher at the commencement, of which some few took advantage. There was, therefore, a lack of order, and of respect for the teacher, which are essen-

tial to the highest proficiency of any school. Miss A. exhibited a good degree of energy and faithfulness, and had she had, at the beginning, the experience which she gained during the term, she doubtless, would have succeeded much better. This was her first school. The winter school was taught by Mr. E. L. Bryant. Number of weeks, 14; number of scholars, 38. School very quiet. Instruction in reading, geography, arithmetic and grammar, thorough; in spelling, there is here, as in most of our schools, a lack of exactness and interest. Mr. B. has the confidence and the respect, both of the scholars and the parents. This district is to be commended for the interest it has manifested in furnishing their school-room with a good clock and set of Mitchell's Outline Maps; also, for providing for the better warming of their house, by the introduction of another stove. They have likewise furnished what is not to be found in most of our school-houses, a *number of chairs*!

Will not other districts follow their example?

DISTRICT No. 8.

The school in this district both for the summer and winter was under the care of Miss Bessie A. Eastman, who, though wanting experience, combined with respectable qualifications, a large share of energy, diligence and perseverance, and rendered the school, the summer term, very profitable. Time, 8 weeks.

The winter term was so short that but little could be expected—only two weeks. Had those two weeks been added to the summer term; or, what perhaps had been better still, had the district, by subscription, added a few weeks to the winter school, they might have seen much good result. Number scholars in attendance in summer, 22; in winter, 18—whole number in district 24.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Teacher, summer term Miss Melissa A. Kimball, of Manchester. Miss Kimball has had considerable experience in teaching, and possesses several of the requisite qualifications for the business; but did not bring to *this* school quite as much energy as is needed; and was not uniform enough in the enforcing of discipline. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars in attendance, 23.

The winter school was taught by Miss Martha S. Noyes of Bow. Miss Noyes well sustained here the reputation she had before acquired in several other places—as a successful teacher. She commands the respect of her pupils, and thereby secures their attention to their studies. The school appeared much better than I have ever known it to before during my two years acquaintance with it. Number weeks, 10; number scholars in attendance, 21; average attendance, 16 43-55. Whole number scholars in the district, 28.

A curious fact deserves to be named in this connection, viz: that in this district there is the same number of scholars as in No. 1, (the two districts 1 and 9, constituting the two parts of the one that was divided a few years since,) while there is the same number of boys (16) and of girls (12) in each.

By this it is not meant that there is the same number now actually residing in these districts, for there have been some changes. But this number have belonged in these districts some part of the past year, and are reckoned as scholars in these schools respectively.

From the above report we derive the following summary. The whole number of scholars who have attended school two or more weeks in town the past year is 348, viz : 183 boys, and 165 girls—being 14 less than the year before. (Probably three or four should be added, however, for district No. 5.)

The number in the several districts is as follows :

District, No. 1,	16 boys,	12 girls,	total,	28
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" " 3,	26 " 25	" "	" "	51
" " 4,	26 " 25	" "	" "	51
" " 5,	11 " 8	" "	" "	19
" " 6,	13 " 10	" "	" "	23
" " 7,	20 " 26	" "	" "	46
" " 8,	10 " 14	" "	" "	24
" " 9,	16 " 12	" "	" "	28
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The whole number of weeks of schooling in the summer was 101 ; in the winter, 91 ;—being in all 28 weeks less than the year before. Ten female teachers have been employed ; two of them, both summer and winter, and seven males. The average wages of female teachers, per month including board is \$15, being \$1,04 less than was reported last year ; of male teachers, \$26,90, being \$3,70 more than last year.

The amount of money expended on wages of teachers, \$909,25. How much has been expended in repairs &c., I have not ascertained.

From the failure of some of the teachers to keep their registers in a proper manner, it is impossible for me to report several items which would be interesting to many to know. And from the failure of a teacher to return his register, (as in the case of Mr. Davis in No. 5,) the district must (or at least are liable to) suffer loss. And, that this evil may be avoided, I would suggest to the Prudential Committee of the several districts, that a strict regard be paid to Section 19, Chapter 5, of the School Law, which provides that "no teacher shall be entitled to pay for his services until this provision," (the making of a report to the Superintending School Committee of the town) "has been complied with."

Most of our schools are still destitute of suitable apparatus. Indeed there is not a school in town supplied as it should be. Four have a set of outline maps ; but not more than one or two have suitable black-boards. Only one has a globe, and that is out of repair. Only one has a clock, and I think not one, a dictionary ; unless, perchance, one may have a very small copy.

Every school should be supplied with a standard dictionary of the language, and with a set of all the text books, for the use of the teacher. For it can hardly be expected that a teacher, who remains, as is the custom, only one or at most two terms in a school, and who is liable to find a different set of books in

every new school he enters, will expend half his small salary, in books for the benefit of the school—especially since he is liable to have them stolen from him. (This was done in one of our districts the last term. Ought not the district to repair the loss?)

Most of our schools are still suffering from too great a variety of text books in Grammar and Arithmetic, and some of them, those in Reading. In five schools a uniformity has been produced, the last term, in the reading books—the place of the two or three which were in use, having been filled with a uniform set of “Progressive Readers.” This change has been attended with evident good results. The same change is greatly needed in the other districts, and would have been made, had I found parents and teachers ready to co-operate with me. But I was too often met with the remark, “we have to change books every year.” But this is not exactly true, for Town’s series of Readers have been in use in all of the schools in town probably eight or ten years; and Sargent’s, in part, for two or three. But do you expect no improvement to be made in school books? Why do you not use the same plough, and pitch-fork and hoe which your fathers and grandfathers used: Do you say the modern fashions are better—being lighter and easier used? It is so with many of the text books for schools. And why not expend, without grudging a few dollars in procuring a suitable set of implements, for the use of your children, and those you employ in training their minds, as well as for ploughs, hoes, axes and scythes for those who cultivate your soil and level your forests.

It is a serious evil in some of our schools that scholars are irregular in their attendance at school. Some go only about half of the time. Some wish to be let out an hour before school is out. And thus the interest of the school is greatly hindered.

In taking leave of the *office* of Superintending School Committee, (though not of my interest in the cause of popular education,) I would suggest that the good of our schools may be greatly augmented by parents making frequent visits to their children and the teachers; it will stimulate and encourage both teacher and pupils. And why should they not do it? Who would trust a stranger to feed his cattle, horses or sheep, through the winter without seeing them himself, especially if they were within a mile of him? Or who would trust a stranger even to weed his garden without looking after him?

Yet how many entrust the training of the minds and hearts of their children to strangers, during their entire minority without the least apparent concern?

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